



College Retirees Association

Newsletter

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President's Message

I would like to welcome all new retirees to the College Retirees Association and welcome back all our returning members.

The CRA will begin another academic year with our October meeting on October 11, 2024 in CBP103 with a lunch and featuring a speaker from the Mounts Center. In May we had a wonderful presentation by one of our members, Mike McKeich, on the History of the Oakley Theatre which was well attended by our members. If any members would be interested in presenting at one of our meetings, please contact me or any of the other officers mentioned to the left of my message. Our Holiday Luncheon has also been scheduled for December 10, 2024 at the Croquet Club.

Please share any travel or other experiences to be included in the newsletter to our co-editors, Diana Krause at Diana.Krause@ret.pbsc.edu or Karen Lippe at lippek@bellsouth.net.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. The meetings are a great opportunity to renew old acquaintances, meet new members recently retired, and share your retirement experiences with others.

~~ Shirley Sullivan



October 11, 2024 - CRA meeting in CBP103 with a lunch, and featuring a speaker from the Mounts Center on the topic of pollinator gardens.

December 10, 2024 - Our Holiday Luncheon at the Croquet Club.

Nancy's Notes

Due to changes underway on the College's website, our College webpage has been updated. Thanks to Robert Krull, LLRC Director, the EFA and CRA newsletters are now available within the College Archives that are managed by the LLRC. Janet Naughton, Librarian/Professor, was a major help to me when she was able to scan in all the EFA newsletters to a thumb drive that were passed on by Bill Wilson. Those EFA newsletters and our CRA newsletters have been loaded by Jeff Novak ever since. Now, the newsletters will be loaded into the archives for us by Janet (see her article below), and Jeff will continue loading our event photos. Links to the newsletters on our webpage were created for us by Jennifer Boehm, Web Analyst. To access our CRA webpage and use the links to our photos on Flickr, as well as the newsletters, just enter CRA in the search field at the top of the page of the college's website at palmbeachstate.edu/#

I think you will truly enjoy scrolling through all the materials contained in the College's archives as well as the newsletters. Our photos are fun to go through and see ourselves enjoying previous events and a good way to share with friends who are contemplating joining the *College Retirees Association*. Many thanks to all who recognize our group and are willing to aid us in remaining within the College family.

College Retirees Association Online Archives

Greetings College Retirees,

The staff at the Harold L. Manor Library on the Lake Worth Campus of Palm Beach State College has been hard at work digitizing the college archives. In addition to the student newspapers *Beachcomber* and *Hornet's Flight*, and the *Galleon* and *Hornet* yearbooks—originally digitized by Lyrasis in the 2010s—we have now added over 2,000 items to our digital archives located at <https://archive.org/details/palmbeachstate>.

These collections encompass a wide range of categories, including college presidents, students, emeritus faculty, employees, graduates, clubs and organizations, campus construction, sports, dances, the library, data processing, theater, music, performances, and materials related to Watson B. Duncan III. The digitized items include college catalogs, commencement programs, literary magazines, oral histories, newsletters, photographs, and more. Our dedicated library staff has carefully scanned, uploaded, and added metadata to these items to enhance their discoverability.

We warmly invite members of the Palm Beach State College Retirees Association to explore the digital archives. If you have items of historical significance—such as photos, memorabilia, or other materials that could fill gaps in our collection—we would be interested in evaluating them for potential inclusion. Please email Professor Janet Naughton for more information (naughtoj@palmbeachstate.edu).

As the library undergoes a remodel in the coming years, we plan to create a designated archive storage area complete with preservation and scanning facilities, as well as a research area for archives. If you can identify any individuals or events in the photographs as you browse the digital collections, please let us know so we can update our records with this valuable information.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of the Palm Beach State College Archives.

Welcome New Members

(since last newsletter – 2/26/24)

Lisa Newton
Mayetta Lee
Doreen Lesiak

Dues are Due

Our membership year is May 1 to April 30 each year.

Recently, I have received checks from some members who paid for past years as well as our new year starting on May 1.

Please make your dues check of \$15 or more payable to PBSC Retirees Association and mail it to me:

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In Memoria

Ella Cassidy	April 25
Margaret Holmes DeGraw	May 5
Mary Ellen Vitrano	April 24
Idella Wade	June 24

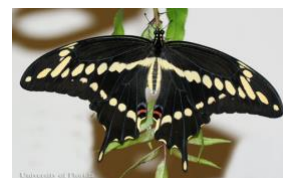


Did You Know

- A Pollinator is animal that moves compatible pollen to a receptive stigma of the same plant species, such that fertilization and seed production can occur.
- Different plants rely on different techniques for pollination.
- The most widely recognized pollinator is the honey bee.
- Pollinators are essential to the reproduction of the vast majority of flowering plants, including most food crops.

We welcome a Master Gardener to our October Meeting to discuss our role in creating spaces for Pollinators.

Reference: IFAS Pollinator



Member Highlights

Southeast Florida Honor Flight ... a heartwarming account from one of our own!

Mission 51 on May 18th was the Southeast Florida Honor Flight I was privileged to be a part of along with a former neighbor, Paul Carroll, who also served in the Navy during the Vietnam War as I did. My daughter, Sheryl Masi was my Guardian for the day and Wendy Spencer, Paul's daughter and a dear friend of Sheryl's was Paul's Guardian.

Words cannot amply convey the emotional appreciations we received throughout our day long trip. Starting at 4:15 am, we were treated to one surprise after another. PBIA was decorated in our national flag and colors to welcome us along with food to fortify us for our travels. Upon entering the American Airlines plane, we were greeted with flags at every overhead bin and red, white and blue streamers the full length of the plane on both sides of the aisle with flight staff accessorized to match.

Upon departure, our plane received a water gun salute provided by our local fire departments. Another veterans' Guardian told me that fire trucks were stationed at every exit/entrance of I-95 to salute the veterans bused from Ft. Pierce and Delray Beach to join us on our journey. Needless to say, it was an emotional start to an emotion filled day.

Upon arrival at Reagan Airport, we were again saluted by water cannons from a local fire department. That airport was also festooned with American decor. A male a Capela group serenaded us with the songs of WWII. Three members of our flight were veterans of WWII, 2 Navy Waves and 1 Army soldier. They were aged 99, 100 and 101. I was the 3rd female Navy Wave vet on our flight.

Three buses awaited there to carry us to our destination of the Arlington National Cemetery for our first stop, the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the empty tomb that now represents the MIAs of all our wars. It was a moving ceremony made extra special as the Honor Guard recognized us by scuffing the sole of their shoe without missing a step as they passed by us.

We had lunch on our buses as it was the first time an Honor Flight from this area encountered a day of rain. In spite of the weather, which reminded me of Seattle, our spirits for the day were never dampened. We went from one memorial to another until we ended up at the newest--the Airforce Memorial. That's when umbrellas were needed in addition to the ponchos we used throughout the day.

We returned to Regan Airport where we had our dinner. We didn't have another water cannon salute when we took off but the service carts on the runway were decorated with large **"Thank you for Your Service"** signs and our favorite colors. Throughout our day, we were greeted by people who applauded, shook our hands and thanked us for our service. It was really a heart-warming to experience coming from all ages at every memorial and in the airports. At one point, a group of teens were lined up on each side of a walkway to shake every vet's hand and thank us as we went by.

We returned to PBIA after dark to another water cannon salute with lights from the trucks dancing through the water. We followed a color guard and a bag pipe ensemble through the airport with thousands of people arrayed on both sides of the main corridor of the airport who greeted us with small gifts, wonderful cards and drawings by children and even more handshakes and thanks from all ages. Many photos were taken throughout our day and are available at the Southeast Florida Honor Flight Facebook page and webpage of our Mission 51, as well as previous missions they have accomplished.

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Member Highlights...continued

There was a lot more celebrating during our flight home, but I won't talk about it so that future veterans can be surprised by it. I do encourage all veterans of WWII, Korea, and the Vietnam War to apply for an upcoming Honor Flight. The day is so well organized and timed to allow you to pay your respects at each memorial. Wheelchairs are available for each veteran, and volunteer Guardians are available for veterans who need one. It is a trip of a lifetime, and I truly was honored to experience it with my daughter and our special friends. ~~ Nancy Buhl, USN Vet



Left: Honor flight vets Nancy Buhl and her neighbor Paul Carroll with their daughters.

Above: Nancy Buhl with daughter behind her as they entered decorated flight in PBIA.



PBIA welcomes returning vets back home after their honor flight.

Member Highlights...continued

Peggy Adams-King shared with us highlights of her Roads Scholar Trip to Texas in April, from San Antonio to Austin, with her college roommate. It was a wonderful trip that included touring historic landmarks and the more modern sections of the cities. The participants in this trip were couples and singles in the 50+ age group.



San Fernando Cathedral in downtown San Antonio, Texas.



Here is Peggy in front of a beautiful mural in Mi Terra Café – a TexMex restaurant.

Please send us your stories, we would love to hear from you

Have you enjoyed a great vacation lately, or spent a marvelous time with family or friends? Any news at all that you wish to share? Then we would like to hear from you.

Email your stories and pictures to:

Diana Krause at Diana.Krause@ret.pbsc.edu or

Karen Lippe at lippek@bellsouth.net

Subject: CRA Member Highlights.

A big thank-you to all the contributors to this newsletter for the stories and pictures provided.

COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (CRA)
MINUTES OF MAY 06, 2024

The meeting was held at Palm Beach State College – Central Campus.
Located at the Bachelor's Program Building Room CBP 103

Self-Serve Luncheon was at 11:30 a.m.

The President, Shirley Sullivan called the CRA meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

A **Self-Introduction** of the members present.

A "Moment of Silence" due to the loss of members.

Treasurers Report by Nancy Buhl, a balance of \$3113.11 as of this meeting date.

Presentation was on the History of the Oakley Theatre by Mike McKeich

The Lake Worth Playhouse occupies the former Oakley Theatre, the oldest building on the register of the Art Deco Society of Palm Beach County. It was constructed by Lucien and Clarence Oakley, two brothers who came to South Florida from Illinois on the wave of a movie mania sweeping the country in the early 1920s. Their dream was to build a movie palace and vaudeville house.

The theatre first opened its doors on November 3, 1924 with local newspapers proudly touting its \$150,000 cost – a very high price at the start of the Great Depression. Opening night patrons were treated to a showing of a silent movie based on the Broadway play *Welcome Stranger*. The new \$10,000 Wurlitzer pipe organ (with built-in piano) played in concert for the first time that night and a five-piece orchestra from Fort Lauderdale played for the two performances.

On September 16, 1928, a devastating hurricane ripped through the area, virtually demolishing the Oakley Theatre. But the tenacious brothers quickly rebuilt and reopened the theatre on January 10, 1929. Their dreams were ultimately dashed when the full weight of the Depression struck South Florida, and they lost ownership of the theatre for good.

Over the years, the theatre changed names and ownership many times, showing art films, mainstream films and, later, blue movies. But no one was able to keep the film house afloat, and the theatre was finally shut down.

On December 1, 1953, the Lake Worth Playhouse was incorporated by a group of Lake Worth citizens. The earliest seasons featured four productions a year in the auditorium of the old Lake Worth City Hall. Despite the long stairway climb to the non-air-conditioned third-floor performance space, audiences came out to support the organization. Most of the early performances sold out. The first play produced by the fledgling organization was *Springtime for Henry*.

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In October 1975 the Lake Worth Playhouse purchased the Oakley Theatre building for \$60,000 and began much-needed renovations with an additional \$15,000 Bicentennial grant. The first production of the Lake Worth Playhouse in its new home was *The Last of Mrs. Lincoln*, chosen to fulfill stipulations of the federal Bicentennial grant.

Today, the Playhouse is proud to offer a variety of mainstream and alternative programming, both live and on film. The Playhouse also offers educational programs for adults and children, and community outreach initiatives that bring cultural programs into the neighborhoods of underserved youth, and also make theatre available free of charge for disadvantaged citizens in the community.

The Lake Worth Playhouse is a 501c3 nonprofit community theatre with a never-be-dark policy. Year-round programming includes award-winning dramas, comedies, musicals, area premieres, Broadway favorites, children's shows, international ballets and operas in cinema, live concert series and alternative programming.

Our mission is to provide premium entertainment, education and artistic opportunities through volunteerism and community involvement.

Next CRA Meeting will be October 11th 2024, at 11:30a.m., in CBP 103

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Susan Goehring, Secretary